

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A linear drive, in particular a rack and pinion drive, comprises at least one motor element which is mounted on or in a retaining element. The motor element drives, directly or indirectly, a pinion, optionally, via an integrated drive, the pinion co-operating with a linear guide. The retaining element can be displaced by at least one actuator in relation to a receiving element.